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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ACTIVITIES OF CVT PRESIDENT TRAN QUOC BUU

CWVF: SAIGON 4083 (NOTAL)

1. NGUYEN BUOI, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND CHARGE OF CVT
INFORMED LABATT THAT NGUYEN DUC DAT HAD REPORTED BY LETTER
THE RESULTS OF THEIR VISIT TO SINGAPORE. DAT WROTE ON APRIL 16
THAT BUU HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY EVERYONE OF IMPORTANCE, WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. LEE'S FOREIGN
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MINISTER OFFICIATED IN PLACE OF LEE. BUU WAS TOLD THAT AT LEAST

ONE MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE WAS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A PLACE ON LEE'S AGENDA.

2. THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE VISIT WAS BUU'S FORMALIZING AFFILIATION OF THE VIETNAMESE FARMER WORKER PARTY(CONG NONG)

2. THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE VISIT WAS BUU'S FORMALIZING WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIALISTS(APS), (THIS IS THE SOCIALIST BRANCH WHOSE PRESIDENT IS NORMAN KIRK, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND). AFTER SERIOUSDISCUSSION THE APS GENERAL SECRETARY LENNY RODRIGO TDEIKBUU THAT HE WOULD CONVENE A MEETING OF THE APS EXECUTIVE BOARD THE EVENING OF APRIL 16 TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIION OF CONG NONG. RODRIGO WAS TO HAVE GIVEN BUU A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT BUU WILL VISIT. THIS AFFILIATION WILL COST CONG NONG US\$400 PER YEAR IN AFFILIATION FEES. RODRIGO ALSO TOLD BUU THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THE NLF HAD APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN APS.

3. DEVON NAIR SECRETARY OF THE SINGAPORE TUC INFORMED BUU THAT THE ICFTU WAS TRYING TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND THAT THE ARO (ASIAN REGIONAL OFFICE) OF THE ICFTU NEEDED ALL THE ANTI COMMUNIST SUPPORT IN ASIA IT COULD GET. BUU REPORTEDLY SAID, "WE CANNOT PLAY HIDE AND SEEK WITH THEM FOREVER." SEEING THINGS ON THE SPOT PERSUADED BUU TO PROMISE NAIR THAT AT THE 25TH ANNUNERSARY CONVENTION OF CVT IN OCTOBER 1974, THE CVT DELEGATES WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AFFILIATION WITH THE ARO OF ICFTU.

4. WE REQUEST THAT OUR EMBASSY IN NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APS LETTER THAT BUU REPORTEDLY HAS AND CABLE TEXT TO US SOONEST.

5. NGUYEN BUOI REQUESTED THAT WE PASS THE WORD TO BUU THAT EVERYTHING AT HOME IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

6. COMMENT: OVER THE PAST YEAR BUU HAS RECEIVED INVITIATIONS TO AFFILIATE WITH APS FROM VISITING JAPANESE SOCIALISTS ASSOCIATED WITH DENKI ROREN AND FROM RODRIGO WHEN THEY HAVE MET AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. BUU THERETOFORE HAS DEMURRED ON GROUNDS THAT CONG NONG WAS NO LONGER LEGAL AND WAS AFFILIATED
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WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE. RODRIGO AND THE JAPANESE TOLD BUU THAT THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE LEGAL OR POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF ANY COUNTRY. THEY WANT PARTICIPATION AND AFFILIATION FROM SOCIALIST ORGANIZATIONS IN ASIA. BUU DISCUSSED POSSIBLE AFFILIATION WITH APS WITH US POINTING OUT HOW SOME OF THE GVN OFFICIALS AND SOME OF HIS POLITICAL PARTY COMRADES MAY NOT APPROVE OF DIRECT IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY IN SOUTH VIET-NAM WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION PARTICULARLY THE

SOCIALISTS. WE THINK THAT DESPITE THESE OBJECTIONS BUU'S
DECISION TO AFFILATE WITH APS IS AN ASTUTE MOVE WHICH WILL
BE VERY HELPFUL IN THE GVN'S EFFORTS TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST
THE NVN/"PRG" DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.
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